#### **MINUTES**

## California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: February 17, 2005 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Resources Agency 15th floor, room 1506-12, "Large Conference Room"

Lead: Annie Kohut Frankel Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



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Bobbie Winn, Department of Fish and Game

Susan Sims, Department of Water Resources/Resources Agency

Phaedra Bota, Department of Boating and Waterways

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Sandra Salazar-Thomson, Water Board

Vanessa Byrd, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Bill Andrews, California Department of Education

Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources

Joanne Vorhies, California Integrated Waste Management Board

Edward Wong, Air Resources Board

Andrea Lewis, CAL/EPA

David Moore, Department of Fish and Game

## **AGENDA**

|    | Item   | Lead                       | Minutes   |
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| 1. | <ul> <li>Check – in and Catch -up</li> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>Review Agenda</li> <li>Approve Minutes</li> <li>Update Outstanding Action<br/>Items</li> </ul> | Annie &<br>Zori            | Agendas, January minutes, and action items distributed. Agenda OK'd. Terris Grimes introduced. She will be taking Lisa's place representing DTSC.   |
| 2. | National Environmental Education Week  | Kay<br>Antunez             | NEEW provides networking and raises awareness. Organizations can sign up to be a partner. CDF and DFG have signed up already. No extra effort is required. It was agreed that Kay would register CEEIN as a partner and look into creating a press release. Bobbie said that the Leg. Committee would request that NEEW be linked on the CEEIN website.   |
| 3. | Committee Reports & Discussion Administration & Organization  • Membership responsibilities  | Joanne<br>Vorhies/<br>Zori | Group discussion of CEEIN membership resulted in: -Eligibility: State Agency, K-12 EE program, Have K-12 curriculum/materials/information/education -Membership: Attend Meetings 4-times a year, Committee Participation (1 Committee per year), Substitutes may attend meetings, May vote on items – One Vote per agencyDesirable Qualifications: Willingness to share resources -Ad-Hoc Members: Outside of Sacramento, May/May Not be available 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday * |
|    | Communications & Outreach  • Final brochure presentation   | Carolyn<br>Tucker          | The DWR designer went through all the comments on the brochure and made changes. Photos still need releases. Donna will email CEEIN a sample photo release. DWR will be the final say on the photo release issue.   |
|    | Diversity  | Kay                        | Still working on the committee statement for the cookbook.  CABE conference is coming up soon. A grant from ETAP is sponsoring a booth for the whole conference. If you would like to help staff the booth, contact Kay.  |
|    | Leadership & Legislation   | Andrea<br>Lewis            | AB1548 is now known as the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI).  |



|    | Education and the     Environment Initiative     Preferred Name     Meeting with Ellen Wright     and U.S. EPA     Self-Assessment Survey     Educator Needs Assessment     (in packet)     Focus Group Sessions |                 | Jerry Lieberman and Andrea met with Ellen Wright (a fundraising consultant) and Bill Jones at the USEPA. Two grants are pending decision at the USEPA.  Total funding for EEI is estimated at \$30 million over 10 years. Andrea also spoke to Fran Pavley about her concerns regarding standards alignment in the model curriculum. The structure and scope of the curriculum will be identified by April. Curriculum provider surveys are due March 15.  A needs assessment for the model curriculum was sent to a random sample of 10,000 California teachers. The goal is 1,000 responses by February 21.  Five focus group sessions throughout the state are being coordinated by the school districts.   |
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|    | Environmental Education     Laws Inventory (in packet)   | Kay             | Donna coordinated the compilation of references to conservation and education in state codes. Kay passed out copies of "Enabling Legislation for Conservation or Environmental Education," a work-in-progress inventory. Kay asked for assistance (on an ongoing basis) in working on this inventory.  |
|    | • Environmental Education Bills  | David<br>Moore  | David did a search on 05/06 period. Currently he sees no EE-related bills.   |
|    | • Federal EE Bills/Legislation (in packet)   | Bobbie<br>Winn  | The North American Association of Environmental Educators is a good place to keep track of federal bills. She passed out a "federal funding action alert" packet regarding EE finding cuts, from NAAEE.  |
|    | Environmentality   | Bill<br>Andrews | Judging takes place on February 21 and 22 from 8am to 5pm at Bill's office, room 4305. One vote per agency. If you vote at all, you must vote on all portfolios. You may need 4 or 5 hours. Judges must be silent during judging process. Thursday the winner will be notified. Friday is the luncheon at Food and Ag.   |
| 4. | New Business   | Bill            | There's a new CREEC newsletter. Bill passed out copies. It is also online.  Andrea and Jerry presented EEI at the CREEC conference. With the CREEC coordinators, they looked at barriers and solutions. There was a partner share fair at the conference, and a service project for the City of Santa Barbara was completed.  Jerry Lieberman has completed the second phase of Environment-based Education /Assessment analysis research. A new online compendium evaluation tool has been completed (by WestEd) so that evaluators will no longer need to travel. Approx. \$80,000 is still needed to start on the Air Compendium. Los Angeles Department of Public Works will be funding some software and additional coordinator time to look at EE programs going on in LA County. They will track the number of students and teachers being served by EE programs.  The opportunity for CREEC partnership is open now for the next fiscal year. The partnership can be customized for the needs of the agency.  CABAP contacts will be added to the local CREEC list serves since its federal funding is ending. |
| 5. | What's New In Your World  • Announcements  • Is this format working?   | All             | The group is happy with the WNIYW current format.  |
| 6. | Meeting Wrap-Up  Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop March Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting  | Zori            | Trish is interested in presenting on service learning at a future meeting.   |

# What's New in Your World? The following updates were submitted:

Contact Person: Annie Kohut Frankel

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Final judging for the 2005 Coastal Art & Poetry Contest will be completed next week. California students in grades K through 12 were invited to enter art and/or poetry with a coastal or marine theme. Over 2,500 entries were received, an increase of over 700 from the previous year. After winners are selected, there will be 36 honorable mentions and 8 grand prize winners. Winners will receive gift certificates to an art supply or book store, as well as art and books donated by the artist Wyland. The winners' sponsoring teachers will receive gift certificates to Acorn Naturalists. Throughout 2005, winning art will be on display at various locations, including the San Francisco Bay Model, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and the Wyland Gallery in Laguna Beach, in addition to being featured on the Coastal Commission's website.

I've scheduled two additional *Waves, Wetlands, and Watersheds* workshops: April 21, 4-6pm, in Tustin at the Acorn Naturalists building, and April 22, 4-6pm at the Van Nuys MST Center. The Van Nuys workshop is open only to employees of Los Angeles Unified School District. There is still space in the Auburn workshop on March 5, 10am-noon. Any help promoting that workshop would be appreciated. Flyers (physical or PDF) are available upon request.

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Copies of our 2005 Safe & Wise Water Ways calendar from our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual poster contest are available through the Cal Boating Education Unit to anyone on request. The wonderful art of all 90 finalists can be viewed on our Website (www.dbw.ca.gov) and will be on display in the capitol for National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27, 2005.

California is the host state for the Ninth Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit being held at Newport Beach on March 13-16, 2005. For more information, visit www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

The Department of Boating and Waterways has partnered with its counterpart agencies in Nevada and Arizona to form a Tri-State coalition promoting safe boating on the Colorado River. The purpose is for marine law enforcement to have a united front when interacting with boaters on the waters where there is joint jurisdiction and educate the boaters on the similarities and differences of boating law between the three states. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.BoatColoradoRiver.com">www.BoatColoradoRiver.com</a>.

CEEIN Meeting February 17, 2005 Meeting Evaluation Summary

Overall rating: **4.3** (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high)

### What went well

- Good meeting; kept items "on topic" and "on time"
- · Agenda always works; helped to keep time right
- Good meeting
- Another good meeting; thank you!
- Good collaboration and cooperative discussion
- Great networking; report were focused and within time limits

### What can be improved

- A little too much detail on some items
- Side conversations off topic did not include everyone